

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 767

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A RESOLUTION to honor Benjamin "Ben" Mercer, 1998
valedictorian of Perry County High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin "Ben" Mercer is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as the valedictorian of the 1998 graduating class at Perry County High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Ben has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Ben has served with distinction as vice-president of the Beta Club and won the prestigious Woodmen of the World United States History Award; and

WHEREAS, a popular student-athlete, he is an important member of the varsity basketball and football teams, being named Best Defensive Back; and

WHEREAS, Ben's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

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WHEREAS, his future plans are to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and study engineering; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ben's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Ben Mercer, 1998 valedictorian at Perry County High School, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.